

I am appalled by
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision or ability
to air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before a major
federal election.
Federal election law
clearly prohibits
public corporations
and labor unions
from airing
"electioneering
communication" sixty
days before an
election. Sinclair
is attempting to
skirt this law by
falsely labeling the
anti-Kerry
attackumentary as
"news content."
This is a clear
example of the
dangers of media
consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. My family,
my friends, and I
are tired of seeing
"news stories" that
are produced
somewhere far away
from our local
community, and aired
on every major
network. We'd much
rather see more
substantive news by
and from our own
community - about
issues that matter.

A media monopoly
that pre-empts
regular programming
and forces it's
views upon us is
wrong. This kind of
power in the media
should not be thrown
around in favor of
either political
party. It's an ugly
abuse of the ethics
of public
broadcasting. What
kind of response do

you think the right wing of our nation would have if CBS were to pre-empt regular programming to air Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 911 film just days before the election?

Sinclair's planned broadcast of this propaganda piece is one sided. It's completely unfair and unbalanced and questionable in the eyes of the law. I reject it and ask you to halt it before it occurs, for the sake of our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.